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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

JIN MURAYAMA et al.

Confirmation No.: 4994

Group Art Unit: 2622

Examiner: Gary Vieaux

Application No.: 09/892,506

Attorney Dkt. No.: 107317-00032

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For: SOLID STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE AND ITS DRIVING METHOD

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Date: January 10, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006, the period for response having been extended to January 10, 2007, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.